

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-104 (canceled)

105. (previously presented) A composition for producing colored synthetic fiber having improved color strength and dimensional stability, the composition comprising:

- a) at least one fiber-forming polyamide,
- b) at least one unsulfonated thermoplastic polyester, said thermoplastic polyester being present at between about 15% and about 35% by weight with respect to the total weight of the composition, and forming a dispersed, non-continuous, minor phase in a matrix of said fiber-forming polyamide,
- c) a colorant system comprising at least one colorant selected from the group consisting of inorganic pigments, organic pigments, and mixtures of inorganic and organic pigments,
- d) at least one metal sulfonate polyester compatibiliser additive.

106. (previously presented) The composition of claim 105 wherein said at least one fiber-forming polyamide is selected from the group consisting of polyamide 6, polyamide 11, polyamide 12, polyamide 6,6, polyamide 6,10, polyamide 6,12, and copolymers, blends and mixtures thereof.

107. (previously presented) The composition of claim 105 wherein said at least one fiber-forming polyamide is selected from the group consisting of polyamide 6 and polyamide 6,6.

108. (previously presented) The composition of claim 105 wherein said at least one thermoplastic polyester is selected from the group consisting of polyalkylene terephthalates, polyalkylene succinates, polyalkylene adipates, polyhydroxyacids, and copolymers, blends or mixtures thereof.

109. (previously presented) The composition of claim 105 wherein said at least thermoplastic polyester is selected from the group consisting of poly(ethylene terephthalate), poly(propylene terephthalate), poly(butylene terephthalate), and copolymers, blends or mixtures thereof.

110. (currently amended) The composition of claim 105 wherein said at least one ~~polymeric~~ metal sulfonate polyester compatibiliser additive is selected from the group consisting of alkali metal salts of poly(ethylene terephthalate-co-sulphoisophthalate) and poly(butylenes terephthalate-co-sulphoisophthalate), and blends and mixtures thereof.

111. (previously presented) The composition of claim 110 wherein said metal sulphonate polyester is present between 1 weight % and 25 weight % of the composition.

112. (previously presented) The composition of claim 110 wherein said metal sulphonate polyester is added in an amount such that the composition has between about 300 and about 3500 ppm sulphur.

113. (previously presented) The composition of claim 105 wherein said at least one colorant is selected from the group consisting of metal oxides, mixed metal oxides, metal sulphides, zinc ferrites, sodium alumino sulpho-silicate pigments,

carbon blacks, phthalocyanines, quinacridones, nickel azo compounds, mono azo colorants, anthraquinones and perylenes.

114. (previously presented) The composition of claim 105 wherein said at least one colorant is selected from the group consisting of: carbon black, titanium dioxide, zinc sulphide, zinc oxide, Ultramarine Blue, cobalt aluminates, iron oxides, Pigment Blue 15, Pigment Blue 60, Pigment Brown 24, Pigment Red 122, Pigment Red 147, Pigment Red 149, Pigment Red 177, Pigment Red 178, Pigment Red 179, Pigment Red 202, Pigment Red 272, Pigment Violet 19, Pigment Violet 29, Pigment Green 7, Pigment Green 36, Pigment Yellow 119, Pigment Yellow 147 and Pigment Yellow 150.

115. (previously presented) The composition of claim 105 wherein said at least one colorant is present at between about 0.1 weight % and about 8 weight % of the composition.

116. (previously presented) The composition of claim 105, further comprising at least one adjuvant.

117. (previously presented) The composition of claim 116, wherein said at least one adjuvant is selected from the group consisting of antioxidant, stabiliser, processing aid, antimicrobial, flame-retardant, antiozonant, soilproofing agent, stainproofing agent, antistatic additive, lubricant, melt viscosity enhancer, or mixtures thereof.